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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: STRESSES WITHIN GROUP OF 77-AFRICAN
REVOLT

FROM AMBASSADOR FERGUSON

1. TWO SIGNIFICANT DISCERNIBLE SPILTS HAVE DEVELOPED
AND CONTINUE WITHIN G-77 DURING PRESENT ECOSOC. THE
FIRST IS A SUBSTANTIAL REBELLION AGAINST THE G-77
BY THE AFRICAN GROUP. AF'S ON ECOSOC-OTHER THAN
ALGERIA AND EGYPT--ARE CONGO, ETHIOPIA, GABON,
GUINEA, IVORY COAST, KENYA, LIBERIA, MALI, SENEGAL,
UGANDA AND ZAIRE. SECOND IS THE CONTINUING DIVERGENCE
BETWEEN THE NY77 AND THE GENEVA 77. IN THE LATTER
CASE THE NEW YORKERS HAVE ADOPTED A MUCH MORE MODERATE
STANCE, INFLUENCED BY THE SPEECHES OF THE SECRETARY
AND ECOSOC REPS IN VARIOUS CONFERENCES. THE GENEVA
77 ARE ABOUT A YEAR BEHIND, STILL USING THE VIGOROUSLY
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PUSHING THE REHTORIC OF NIEO AND CERDS. OF THESE TWO

APILTS, HOWEVER, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT IS THAT OF THE AFRICANS SINCE IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THE GENEVA-NEW YORK SPILT WILL BE RESOLVED IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. THE AFRICAN PROBLEM ARISES FROM THREE FACTORS:

(A) THE CALL BY THE US FOR A SPECIAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF POORER COUNTRIES; (B) RESENTMENT BY AFRICANS AT LEADERSHIP OF ARABS, PARTICULARLY THE ALGERIANS, IN FACE OF FAILURE OF ARABS TO RESPOND TO AFRICAN NEEDS; AND, (C) FAILURE OF G-15 TO CONSULT FULLY WITH AFRICANS ON G-77 PAPERS.

3. THE SIGNIFICANCE TO US LIES NOT SO MUCH IN WHETHER OR NOT AGENDA ITEM EVENTUALLY CAN BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, BUT RATHER IN THE IMPACT THAT A POLITICALLY SUBSTANTIAL BLOC (ABOUT 30 VOTES) MIGHT HAVE ON POLITICAL ISSUE OF ISRAEL.

4. TO THE EXTENT WE CAN CONTINUE TO DEFTLY ENCOURAGE AFRICAN STANCE, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BUILD CAPITAL FOR USE ON POLITICAL ISSUES IN THE FALL. WE ARE HANDICAPPED HOWEVER BY FACT WE HAVE NOTHING "NEW" TO OFFER THE POOREST OF THE POOR. THERE IS RECOGNITION THAT USG RECORD IS VERY GOOD IN THIS REGARD AND WE ARE MILKING IT FOR ALL IT'S WORTH (SEE GENEVA 5714). BUT IN POLITICAL CONTEXT, WE NEED SOME TYPE OF ADDITIONAL SIGNAL OF OUR INTENTIONS.

5. IN THIS CONTEXT IT WOULD BE USEFUL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO MAKE SOME INDICATION OF THE KIND OF RESPONSE THE USG MIGHT BE PREPARED TO MAKE, PARTICULARLY TO THE POORER COUNTRIES (SEE PARA 6 INFRA.).

6. FYI: JUST PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR FERGUSON'S DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA, HAITIAN PERM REP, UNDER COVER OF "COURTESY CALL", INFORMED AMB FERGUSON THAT HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR 23 POOR COUNTRIES (PRINCIPALLY IN AFRICA). THE BURDEN OF HIS DEMARCHE WAS THAT AFRICAN GROUP AND HAITI VERY MUCH SUPPORTED US INITIATIVE TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON PROBLEMS OF THE POOR COUNTRIES THROUGH A SEPARATE CONFIDENTIAL

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AGENDA ITEM. HE PROMISED THAT AF'S WOULD CONTINUE DISCRETE CONTACTS WITH USG IN THIS REGARD IN GENEVA. HE EMPHASIZED, OF COURSE, THAT OVERT CONSULTATIONS WITH AF'S ALONE WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING TO POSITION OF BOTH USG AND AF'S. END FYI.

7. COMMENT. AS THIS CABLE BEING PREPARED FOR DISPATCH DEL HAS RECEIVED STATE 170834 WITH GREAT APPRECIATION.

IN OUR OPINION PARA 6(B) OF STATE 170834 IS JUST WHAT
WE NEED TO KEEP MAXIMUM LEVEL OF LEVERAGE ON OTHER
ISSUES AND SATISFIED OUR REQUEST PARAS 4 AND 5 THIS TEL.
PRELIMINARY WE BELIEVE OUR TACTIC SHOULD BE TO CONTINUE
TO MAINTAIN THE STANCE, FOR THE TIME BEING, THAT THERE IS
NEED TO FOCUS EXPLICITLY ON PROBLEMS OF POOR COUNTRIES.
WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS HOWEVER THAT, GIVEN THE
ALGERIAN POSITION (I.E., THIS PROPOSED ITEM FOR THE
AGENDA IS THE MOST SEVERE THREAT TO LDC UNITY AND
SOLIDARITY), WE WILL EVENTUALLY BE ABLE TO ADD AN
EXPRESS ITEM TO THE AGENDA DEALING WITH THE
POORER COUNTRIES. END COMMENT. DALE

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